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SUBJECT: DRAFT REPORT TO NATO MINISTERS ON MEDITERRANEAN
SITUATION (MED REPORT)

REF: NATO 1167

1. WE SHARE THE MISSION'S VIEW THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF'S DRAFT REPORT ON THE MEDITERRANEAN SITUATION IS SUBSTANTIVELY THIN, AND WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT IT CONCENTRATES TOO HEAVILY ON THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. THE GUIDANCE BELOW IS THEREFORE INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN THE TEXT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE EXISTING FORMAT. THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REPORT:

2. PARA 3: WE SUGGEST REPHRASING SECOND SENTENCE TO READ: "HE HAS CROSSED SWORDS WITH THE INFLUENTIAL HASSANEIN HEYKAL...ETC." IN THE THIRD SENTENCE DELETE "WHOSE IDEAS WERE REGARDED AS BEING CLOSELY AKIN TO THOSE OF GADAFY" AND ADD AT THE END OF THIS SENTENCE: "WHICH IS GAINING INCREASING PUBLIC SUPPORT." (REASON: ACCURACY; ORIGINAL EXAGGERATED HEYKAL'S INFLUENCE)

3. PARA 4: FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD DELETE "CONSULT TOGETHER ..." TO END OF THAT SENTENCE, AND SUBSTITUTE FOR IT: "EASING THE USSR'S ANNOYANCE OVER THE REDUCED ROLE MOSCOW HAS BEEN OBLIGED TO PLAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS." YOU MAY PROPOSE ADDING THE FOLLOWING NEW SENTENCE AT THIS POINT: "IT IS LIKELY THAT SOVIET-EGYPTIAN DISAGREEMENT OVER DEBT RESCHEDULING AND OVER SHIPMENTS OF NEW ARMS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED." (REASON: MORE INFORMATIVE)

4. PARA 5: IN SECOND SENTENCE SUGGEST REPLACING "BACK-PEDALLED" WITH "AND SOME OF HIS ADVISORS APPEAR TO HAVE HAD SECOND THOUGHTS"; REPHRASE FINAL CLAUSE AS FOLLOWS: "WHO HAD APPARENTLY BEEN THE ARCHITECT OF THE AGREEMENT." THIRD SENTENCE SHOULD BE REPHRASED AS FOLLOWS: "IT HAS BEEN STATED THAT THE AGREEMENT OF MOROCCO AND ALGERIA TO THE UNIFICATION WOULD BE SOUGHT, AND THIS PROBABLY MEANS THAT...ETC." IN FINAL SENTENCE REPLACE "SEEMS WELL AND TRULY DEAD" WITH "SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN SHELVED." (REASONS: SECRET

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ACCURACY; THE TONE OF THE ORIGINAL TEXT IS TOO NEGATIVE; EVEN THOUGH EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN UNION IS NOT TO BE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IT GOES TOO FAR TO STATE THAT EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN UNION IS DEAD. UNIFICATION WAS NOT CONTINGENT UPON AGREEMENT OF ALGERIA AND MOROCCO.)

5. PARA 6: REPLACE ENTIRE PARAGRAPH WITH THE FOLLOWING: "AT THE TIME OF THE DECEMBER 1973 ELECTIONS, THE PARTIES

OF THE GOVERNING COAITIO WERE BEING CRITICIZED FOR THE HANDLING OF EVENTS SURROUNDING THE OCTOBER WAR AND THEY LOST SOME GROUND TO THE RIGHTIST OPPOSITION. NEVERTHE- LESS, THE GOVERNMENT'S SUBSEQUENT DECISION TO SIGN THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH EGYPT RECEIVED STRONG SUP- PORT. MRS MEIR HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH FORMING THE NEXT GOVERNMENT, AND SHE IS EXPECTED TO SUCCEED IN DOING SO THOUGH IT IS LIKELY THE NEW ISRAELI GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO AY MORE ATTENTION THAN IN THE PAST TO THE VIEWS OF PARTIES AND GROUPS WHICH FAVOR LESS FLEXIBLE APPROACHES TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES." (REASON: MORE INFORMATIVE THAN ORIGINAL).

6. PARA 7: IN SECOND SENTENCE REPLACE "THE LAST MINUTE" WITH "AT THAT TIME." (REASON: ACCURACY) IN FOURTH SEN- TENCE DELETE "KNOWN AS THE 'KM 101' AGREEMENT"; (REASO : ORIGINAL TEXT INCORRECT); DELETE "RECIPROCAL"; (REASON: AGREEMENT DOES NOT CALL FOR PULL BACK OF EGYPTIAN FORCES); DELETE "ON THE SUEZ CANAL." (REASON: ORIGINAL TEXT MIS- LEADING) IN FIFTH SENTENCE REPLACE "FEATURED" WITH "EN- TAILED"; REPLACE "EITHER" WITH -BOTH"; CHANGE "WITHDREW TO THE SINAI PASSES" TO "WITHDREW JUST WEST OF THE SINAI PASSES." (REASON: CLARITY AND ACCURACY) IN SIXTH SEN- TENCE REPLACE "SERIOUS" WITH "VARIOUS." (REASON: AC- CURACY)

7. PARA 8: IN FIRST SENTENCE SUBSTITUTE "PRINCIPAL" FOR "ONLY." (REASON: ACCURACY; THERE ARE OTHER FORMS OF SOVIET MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE AREA--SUCH AS, MIG-25 BLINDERS IN IRAQ ARE ALSO UNDER SOVIET CONTROL.)

8. PARA 9: ADD TO END OF SECOND SENTENCE AFT R "MADE
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GOOD": "OR IN SOME CASES EVEN IMPROVED, SUCH AS SA-6S."
(REASON: MORE INFORMATIVE)

9. PARA 10: THE FIRST SENTENCE SHOULD BEGIN AS FOLLOWS:
"IT NOW APPEARS THAT SOVIET ADVISERS WERE NOT WITHDRAWN
...ETC.
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